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SUBJECT: SHIELD S04D-08: UK SUPPORTS TRILATERAL DEMARCHE
WITH U.S. AND ISRAEL TO PREVENT INDIAN FIRMS FROM
CIRCUMVENTING EXPORT CONTROLS

REF: A. SECSTATE 18873
[1](#)B. SOUZA-PALMER EMAILS (NOTAL)

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for reasons 1.4 (b) and Q)

[1](#)1. (S/NF) Summary. A Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) official confirmed to Poloff March 12 that HMG supports a U.S.-UK-Israel joint demarche in New Delhi to senior-level Indian officials urging that India take all steps necessary to assure that there is no transfer to Syria from Indian companies of chemical production equipment for Syria's chemical weapons program (ref A). The UK proposes first approaching the GOI through intelligence channels then "very quickly" following up with a high-level demarche through diplomatic channels. End Summary.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) Poloff met March 3 with the FCO's Counterproliferation Department (CPD) Chemical Weapons Convention Desk Officer Tsui-Ling Yu to recommend a trilateral U.S.-UK-Israel demarche in New Delhi urging the GOI to take steps to prevent Indian firms from circumventing export controls by selling chemical production equipment to an end-user in Syria that could assist in Syria's chemical weapons program (ref A). Poloff informed Yu of U.S. plans to demarche the GOI and shared ref A nonpaper with her. During both the March 3 meeting and in follow on discussions with Poloff, Yu expressed support for coordinating with the U.S. on this matter; she indicated that HMG would appreciate background information about the circumstances surrounding the planned equipment transfer.

UK Supports High-Level, Trilateral Demarche

[1](#)3. (S/NF) Martin Garrett, the Head of the FCO's CPD WMD Controls Policy office, confirmed to Poloff March 12 that HMG supports a U.S.-UK-Israel joint demarche in New Delhi to senior-level Indian officials. Garrett noted that HMG had previously raised this issue with the GOI at the "Counselor level;" HMG now favors raising the matter at a "very senior level." He said the UK proposes, "if the U.S. agrees," first approaching the GOI through intelligence channels then "very quickly afterwards" following up with a high-level trilateral demarche through diplomatic channels. The FCO defers to the U.S., UK, and Israeli Missions in New Delhi to decide the exact modalities of delivery, Garrett said. Nonetheless, the "key point" of the demarche should be to "advise the Indian government that since our last approach we are aware that the transaction has not been stopped" -- and it must be stopped, he said.

[1](#)4. (S/NF) Garrett welcomed confirmation from Poloff that the

Israeli MFA has endorsed the idea of a trilateral demarche (ref B). He discussed with Poloff possible reasons that would explain why India has not stopped the transaction from going forward and he said that HMG would appreciate more information from the USG, if available, as to why the GOI has not halted the transaction.

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